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## Market sweep not very productive

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — This was a mission in which the chaplain went along — just in case.

Early on Thursday, roughly 250 soldiers of the 1st Armored Division raided one of the busiest downtown marketplaces in their first Operation Market Sweep, searching street vendors for weapons and drugs and trying to give order to the chaotic open-air bazaar.

"With an operation this large, and a chance of possible casualties, a chaplain always comes along," said Maj. Bryan Walker, chaplain to the 1st Brigade of the 1st AD.

Operation Market Sweep included cracking down on the black market arms sales: Vendors sometimes conceal weapons under kiosk blankets or ankle-length robes, commonly worn by men and women in the Middle East.

Touted at first as "a huge, huge operation" by some soldiers, in the end, the mission wasn't all that.

The net return: a duffle bag filled with likely stolen medications and vitamins, boxes of medical supplies such as beakers, and three arrests: two for impeding police operations, and one for drug possession.

But it's a start, said Lt. Col. Vic John, task force commander of the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment.

"We're here to organize the market," John said of the Ba'b Shrie, or "door to the East," marketplace in a section of the city called Rustafa.

That meant getting vendors peddling goods from watches and sunglasses, to prune juice, clothing and electronic spare parts, off the roadways, where they lure passing motorists to buy their products.

It also meant dealing with buses blocking off a lane or two, snarling traffic. Causing further havoc were motorists who turned two-lane roads into five, drove on sidewalks or risked on-coming traffic to circumvent the bottleneck.

With Bradlee fighting vehicles setting up around 2 a.m., and platoons of Humvees arriving around 8 a.m. for security, the Army's descent on the marketplace wasn't exactly a stealthy one.

"We wanted to get our soldiers in place before the market gets cooking," John said.

And the search was on.

Armed soldiers cleared a path for Staff Sgt. Eugene Sielagoski and his partner, Bob, a dog, trained to sniff out gunpowder and thus find hidden weapons. The soldiers' weapons, because they are routinely cleaned, don't confuse the 9-year-old German shepherd, said Sielagoski, attached to the 519th Military Police Battalion out of Fort Polk, La.

But the stifling heat got to Bob after roughly 40 min-



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**One of three men arrested during a policing operation called "Operation Market Sweep" is escorted to a waiting truck by U.S. soldiers in Baghdad. The 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade conducted the operation early Thursday morning.**

utes of sniffing boxes, buckets and blankets, and he returned to an air-conditioned sport utility vehicle to cool off.

Iraqi police officers, clad in civilian clothes but totting AK-47 rifles and armed with pistols, joined the U.S. soldiers in the marketplace sweep.

The collaboration is an integral part into restoring law and order in the city's streets, John said.

"It's better that we do cooperate with [the soldiers] because we can't do anything by ourselves now," investigator Muntaser Fadal said through a translator. "The people here are used to no police forces, and we do not have enough equipment. People are used to dealing with threats [from the former regime] and not with respect."

Some locals told soldiers that few vendors sell in the market anymore, and most instead have moved to warehouses and abandoned buildings to trade their black market weaponry. Military intelligence supports that, John said, and in the future, the task force will be going after them.

"Part of this is the message 'We don't want you doing it, and if we hear you got 'em, we're going to come and get 'em,'" said Capt. Jerry Turner, commander of the brigade's reconnaissance group.

Some days are more fruitful than others. But the mission was nothing less than a success, as the chaplain saw it.

"I end up feeling a tremendous sense of relief when you come back, and no one got hurt," Walker said.

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## Iraqis down U.S. copter after jets bomb 'camp'; F-16 also crashes

BY JIM KRANE

*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Thousands of U.S. troops stormed through a Sunni Muslim enclave centered on the Tigris River north of Baghdad on Thursday, Day 3 of a massive operation aimed at cracking down on Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Fighter jets, attack helicopters and unmanned aerial drones have backed up ground troops during Operation Peninsula Strike, one of the U.S. military's biggest assaults since Saddam's ouster. About 400 Iraqis have been captured.

Early Thursday, U.S. fighter jets bombed what they said was "terrorist training camp" north of Baghdad. Hours later, Iraqi forces shot down a U.S. helicopter gunship, and a U.S. F-16 fighter-bomber went down southwest of Baghdad for reasons yet deter-

mined, the U.S. Central Command said. The crews of both aircraft were unharmed.

"As we receive actionable intelligence, we strike hard and with lethal force," Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, the U.S. ground forces commander in Iraq, said in a briefing Thursday. "Iraq will be a combat zone for some time."

Elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade out of Vicenza, Italy, took part in the raids.

The sharp escalation of U.S. military action in central and western Iraq came after increased guerrilla attacks on American troops in the region — the so-called "Sunni triangle" that is a heartland of support for Saddam's now-banned Baath Party and that includes Tikrit, the hometown of the deposed Sunni leader.

"It's one of the largest operations since the war," Central Command spokesman Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald said of the sweep, aimed at routing those organizing attacks on coalition forces. Cen-

tral Command has not given a total number of Iraqi casualties.

In a related effort, the American civilian administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, on Thursday banned gatherings, pronouncements or publications that incite disorder or violence against the U.S.-led occupation forces, or the return of the Baath Party.

As the operation pushed head, thousands of American troops swept through an area centered on the town of Duluiyah, 45 miles north of Baghdad in the heart of the "triangle." Largely untouched during the war, Duluiyah is considered a likely hideout for die-hard pro-Saddam fighters.

Ten to 15 Iraqis were killed in Thursday's action and four U.S. soldiers suffered gunshot wounds, said U.S. Sgt. Forest Geary.

Three of the injured Americans were flown to Germany for medical care, he said.

The downed AH-64 Apache helicopter — was the first aircraft shot down

by ground fire since Saddam was ousted two months ago — belonged to the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, McKiernan said. A pair of Apaches fired on "irregular forces" at the crash scene, while U.S. ground troops secured the site and rescued the two-man crew.

McKiernan said the shootdown happened during an ongoing operation where U.S. forces "struck very lethally and very decisively."

The heavily wooded area around Duluiyah provided good cover for ambushers, but searches Thursday failed to turn up more than a few light arms and rocket propelled grenades, weaponry commonly found all over Iraq, said troops involved in the operation.

"When we came down here we really expected the worst. That has not been the reality," said Sgt. Todd Oliver, of the 173rd Airborne Division. "We came here searching houses and knocking down doors. If they were here, they're gone now."

## Marine charged in plot to kill NCO

PHOENIX — A federal indictment alleges a grenade attack that injured a Marine in Kuwait was carried out by a fellow Marine plotting with the man's wife and trying to disguise the crime as a terrorist act.

Chief Warrant Officer Larry A. Framness, 36, and Wendy Glass, 33, are charged with murder conspiracy in the May 14 attack on Chief Warrant Officer James H. Glass.

Wendy Glass, who allegedly had an affair with Framness, was arrested Thursday in Yuma.

Framness, an 18-year veteran, is being held at the Marine Corps station in Miramar, Calif., where his squadron is headquartered, said Gunnery Sgt. Matt Olivolo. Framness is to face military charges before appearing in federal court.

Framness detonated a grenade after luring James Glass, 37, into a guard shack, according to the indictment handed up Wednesday.

Glass, a 20-year Marine veteran, suffered shrapnel wounds to his neck, back and legs. He has recovered and is back in Yuma with his unit, Marine Wing Support Squadron 371.

The Glasses and the Framnesses were neighbors who socialized together before the Framnesses divorced, the indictment said. The document alleges Framness and Wendy Glass began an affair in 2001 and wanted to collect life insurance benefits from James Glass' death.

The indictment alleges that Framness and Wendy Glass plotted to make James Glass appear as if he had driven his car off a cliff while inebriated during a weekend cabin trip in California last year. The plan wasn't carried out because James Glass wasn't "sufficiently intoxicated," records say.

Framness and James Glass were deployed to Kuwait in early 2003 and stationed at Camp Snake Pit at the Ali Al Salem Air Base.

E-mail messages and phone conversations between the defendants indicated another murder plot, the indictment said.

In a phone conversation around April, Wendy Glass allegedly told Framness that she didn't want to know details of the killing but didn't want her husband to suffer.

## GI charged in attack to appear in court

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — The soldier charged in the grenade attack on comrades sleeping in tents in Kuwait was scheduled for a hearing Monday that could lead to a court-martial, the Army announced Thursday.

Sgt. Hasan K. Akbar, 32, a soldier in the 101st Airborne Division, will face an Article 32 hearing at Fort Knox, which is similar to a grand jury hearing in civilian courts.

Two servicemembers died and 14 were wounded in the early morning attack on three tents March 23, days before the brigade moved into Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Akbar faces two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted murder and could face the death penalty.

The Army has not disclosed a possible motive in the attack, but George Heath, a Fort Campbell spokesman, said previously that Akbar had been having "an attitude problem."

Akbar's mother, Quran Bilal, told The Tennessean of Nashville shortly after the attack she thought her son might have been accused because he is Muslim.

Those killed were Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, of Easton, Pa., and Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, of Boise, Idaho.

## Pentagon launches welcome-home effort

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon launched an effort Thursday to coordinate parades, ceremonies and other efforts to welcome home troops who served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Called "Operation Tribute to Freedom," the effort includes supplying American flags which flew over the Pentagon to be flown at 13 Major League Baseball games on Saturday, which is Flag Day.

Eleven military bands will have concerts in 10 states over the weekend.

"This is all about the troops," said Army Maj. Gen. Anders Aaland, the head of the effort. "This is our opportunity to recognize them."

Aaland said the Pentagon also wants to create stronger bonds between the military and American communities and to underscore that the global war on terrorism is not over.

The effort also includes encouraging people to fly American flags at their homes and write e-mail thanking U.S. troops.

## Afghanistan: Terrorists target foreign military

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suicide attackers are being trained to carry out strikes against foreign soldiers in Afghanistan, the Interior Minister said Thursday.

Ali Ahmad Jalali made the comments at a news conference in Kabul, just days after a man driving a car packed with explosives attacked a bus carrying German peacekeepers on the city's eastern outskirts.

Four German soldiers and one Afghan civilian were killed in the blast, while 29 German peacekeepers were wounded.

"There are efforts under way to train suicide bombers in order to be used in Afghanistan against foreign troops," Jalali said.

He said security forces in Kabul recently had foiled two other such plots. He did not give details.

In Berlin, German Defense Minister Peter Struck said the suicide attacker who carried out Saturday's attack was a member of al-Qaida.

From wire reports

# News tracker: What's new with old news

## Military

**Philippine-U.S. exercises:** U.S. counter-terrorist training aimed at crushing al-Qaida-linked Muslim rebels in the southern Philippines has been tentatively reset to December to ensure the U.S. troop presence doesn't violate the Philippine constitution, military officials said Thursday.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo plans to send her legal adviser, Avelino Cruz, to the United States to finalize the terms of the exercises that should exclude an American combat role, the officials said. The constitution bars foreigners from fighting in the Philippines.

## World

**Suu Kyi detention:** U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he would ask Southeast Asian leaders next week to pressure Myanmar's military rulers over the detention of Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

"The junta that oppresses democracy in Burma [Myanmar] must find that its actions will not be allowed to stand," Powell wrote in a commentary published Thursday in the Asian Wall Street Journal.

Possible measures, he wrote, included limiting commerce with Myanmar "which enriches the junta's generals."

**Korea's border dispute:** North Korea claimed South Korea war ships violated its territorial waters on Thursday, and warned of "an unpredictable crisis."

South Korea's Defense Ministry denied the charge.

In recent weeks, the two Koreas have exchanged accusations over a disputed western sea border, adding to tensions caused by the North's suspected development of nuclear weapons.

**Milosevic trial:** Judges in the trial of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic on Thursday ordered Serbia and Montenegro to hand over wartime transcripts from its leading defense body.

Prosecutors also have asked the court to order the government to open up its more extensive wartime archives to investigators, but a ruling on that request was to be made at a later date.

**Kosovo conflict:** In ceremonies marking the end of the 1999 war, Kosovo's top international officials appealed Thursday for reconciliation among the province's former combatants.

The top U.N. official Michael Steiner and NATO's commander, Lt. Gen. Fabio Mini of Italy, renewed their calls for Kosovo's ethnic Albanians to put aside the hatreds fanned during the rule of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and allow the return of tens of thousands of Serbs who fled the war's aftermath.

**Congo fighting:** Britain said Thursday it will provide Hercules transport aircraft and a detachment of engineers to the French-led multinational peacekeeping force in Congo.

Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram told the House of Commons that Britain also would provide five staff officers for the force's headquarters and a liaison officer to work with the United Nations.

The Ministry of Defense said final details remained to be decided, but that the detachment of Royal Engineers would number about 100 personnel, and that Britain would probably send "a couple" of Hercules aircraft.

## Nation

**Seton Hall fire:** More than three years after a deadly fire swept through the lounge of a Seton Hall University dormitory, two men who were freshmen at the time have been charged with arson and murder.

Both have denied any role in the Jan. 19, 2000, blaze at Boland Hall that killed three students and injured more than 50 others.

Joseph E. LePore, 21, of Florham Park and Sean Ryan, 21, of Livingston, were arrested Wednesday on charges of felony murder, arson and aggravated assault. LePore also is charged with obstruction of justice. They were jailed on \$2 million bail and scheduled to appear in court Thursday, their attorneys said.

**Fugitive heir:** An appellate court denied fugitive rapist Andrew Luster's attempt to appeal his conviction, saying the Max Factor heir forfeited his right to appeal by jumping bail.

The California Supreme Court is expected to be asked to review the decision.

Luster, 39, great-grandson of makeup legend Max Factor, fled during his January trial and was sentenced in absentia to 124 years in prison for multiple counts of rape, poisoning and drug possession involving three women. He remains at large.

**New York Times woes:** A continuing New York Times investigation has found questionable passages in 10 more articles written by former reporter Jayson Blair, the newspaper said Thursday.

In an editors' note, the Times said the 10 stories "include misstatements or possibly borrowed passages, or quotations that have been denied by the speaker to whom they were attributed."

Blair resigned from the paper on May 1. An initial probe into stories he wrote between October and April uncovered fraud, plagiarism and inaccuracies in 36 of 73 articles that it examined.

**Gender-equal golfing:** Trying to increase pressure on Augusta National Golf Club to admit women members, two lawmakers introduced a bill Wednesday that would bar corporations from taking tax deductions for meals and entertainment at clubs that exclude either gender.

The legislation, sponsored by Maloney and Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., would also apply to business expenses at all-women clubs.

## War on terrorism

**Philippine rebels:** A former hostage of the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group said Thursday his captors were trained by two Indonesian Jemaah Islamiyah members in the jungles of the southern Philippines.

The two men spent time with Abu Sayyaf guerrillas several months before the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, which started last Nov. 6, said Roland Ulah, a Philippine national who escaped last week after more than three years in captivity.

His account is similar to those of several other former Abu Sayyaf hostages who were held on the southern island of Jolo, and bolsters Philippine military intelligence reports of close links between al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf.

**Afghan fighting:** A convoy of U.S. forces exchanged fire with insurgents in southeastern Afghanistan, but no casualties were reported, a U.S. military spokesman said Thursday.

The convoy was headed toward Orgun where U.S. forces have a base, when it came under fire from three to five attackers, U.S. military spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said in a statement from coalition headquarters at Bagram Air Base.

**Iran inspections:** The Bush administration on Wednesday rejected an offer by Iran to permit additional international monitoring of its nuclear development in exchange for the right to import advanced technology.

**Bank slayings:** One of four men charged with killing five people in a bank in Madison, Neb., pleaded guilty Thursday to murder.

Erick Vela's guilty plea to five counts of first-degree murder, robbery and other charges came as prosecutors prepared for a two-day hearing on defense motions.

Jose Sandoval, Jorge Galindo and Gabriel Rodriguez also face murder charges in the Sept. 26 killings, one of the deadliest bank robberies in U.S. history. Authorities said Rodriguez served as a lookout while the others shot four bank employees and a customer, each at close range.

**Club deaths hearing:** A judge gave Chicago officials a week to turn over all city documents on the nightclub where a stampede killed 21 people in February.

Otherwise, city officials will have to come to court to explain the delay, Judge Kathy Flanagan said.

City attorney Karen Seimetz said collecting the documents from all the departments involved is difficult because investigations are ongoing. The documents were requested by attorneys representing the survivors and victims' relatives.

The data include police and fire reports, measurements, diagrams and videotapes of the E2 nightspot, where panicked clubgoers fled to the exits after an irritant spray was used to break up a dance-floor fight. Besides the deaths, more than 50 people were injured in the crush Feb. 17.

**Escapee's trial:** A jury sentenced prison escapee Randy Halprin to death Thursday for his role in the Christmas Eve 2000 slaying of an Irving police officer.

Monday, jurors convicted Halprin of capital murder in the death of officer Aubrey Hawkins, who came upon Halprin and six other prison escapees during the robbery of an Irving sporting goods store.

Hawkins was shot and run over while trying to stop the seven, who escaped in mid-December 2000 from the Connally Unit, near Kenedy in Karnes County in South Texas.

From wire reports



# News from around the war

## Mine clearers back in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.N. mine-clearing teams have resumed work along the main road from the Afghan capital to the southern city of Kandahar after local authorities deployed extra security forces to protect them, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday.

United Nations mine-clearing operations were suspended along parts of the road in May following a series of attacks on Afghan mine-clearing agencies that left one dead and seven wounded.

The work resumed this week after "additional security measures were put in place," U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said.

## Saddam's home movies big sellers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Men push toward the market stall, elbowing their way to the front and standing on their toes to see Ali Zowrayi's wares — behind-the-curtain glimpses of the fallen dictator who terrorized a nation.

Here on the streets of Iraq's capital, Saddam Hussein's home movies are now for sale on crudely copied and labeled videodiscs, along with family photographs and pictures of his notorious son Qadai, a famously vain man with a penchant for cruelty.

"Dirty family! See the dirty family!" Zowrayi calls out, clutching cash in one hand and videodiscs in another.

It's an irresistible sales pitch. Finally freed of Saddam, the people of Iraq are hungry for the raw, uncensored truth about their former leader and his family.

"People want to see the truth about Saddam," Zowrayi said at the Souk Bab al-Sharji, a poor-man's market that sells everything from tennis shoes to bathroom faucets, much of it stolen.

"Saddam always talked about his faith and what he was doing for the country, but the reality was different," he said.

Zowrayi says he sells 500 of the discs every day for about \$1 apiece, earning a small fortune by Baghdad standards.

There are more than a dozen different Saddam DVDs for sale — the covers awash with photographs of the tyrant and his family. One disc shows a genuine family movie. No one seems to know where it came from; presumably, it was looted from a palace.

The footage, which shows the family gathering for photos before a birthday party for the youngest daughter, Hala, offers a surprise about the man who blustered to the world for so long: Saddam Hussein is boring.

It's seven minutes of stilted poses and poor attempts at humor and phony smiles. If it weren't Saddam's family, it wouldn't be interesting for 20 seconds.

It was probably filmed in the mid-1980s, during Iraq's bloody war with Iran — a time when Saddam became increasingly paranoid about security.

There don't seem to be any windows in the room, indicating it may be in a bomb shelter.

But the dialogue is what you'd expect from any family.

"Laugh," Saddam says, smiling. "Laugh for the pictures."

And there is Qadai, then perhaps in his late 20s, pushing aside the birthday girl Hala, who was turning maybe 11, from the prime picture spot next to their father.

Hala was a young mother by the time of the latest war. In Baghdad, it is rumored, she was murdered by Baath Party thugs after her father's downfall.

Saddam, dressed in a military uniform, gently chides his son for bullying his sister.

"Qadai wants to make trouble for us," he laughs, belly jiggling above his belt.

## Marine gives birth in Persian Gulf

A Marine gave birth aboard an amphibious assault ship in the Persian Gulf last month, The Washington Times reported Wednesday.

The May 23 birth of the 7-pound boy aboard the USS Boxer was the first time an active-duty woman gave birth to a baby on a combat ship in a war zone, Pentagon officials told the newspaper.

The Marine was identified only as a 33-year-old staff sergeant assigned to Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines as an administrative chief.

The mother and child are both healthy and in good condition. They are expected to be transferred to San Diego shortly.

Navy regulations require sailors and Marines to notify their commanding officers within two weeks of a pregnancy's diagnosis, the paper reported. As a rule, pregnant women are not deployed to war zones.

The Washington Times reported the woman told her superiors she did not know she was pregnant. Although she was assigned to a ground unit, she was aboard the Boxer when she went into labor.

A Pentagon spokeswoman told the newspaper she had no data on the pregnancy rate among forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, which includes more than 25,000 women.

## U.S.: Thailand base not sought

A U.S. Embassy official in Bangkok, Thailand, says recent news reports that the United States wants to lease vacant land in the eastern part of the Southeast Asian nation to fight terrorism are unfounded.

"I can say that the United States has no plans to establish a military base or to acquire land for that purpose in Thailand," the spokesman said Wednesday, declining to provide his name.

The Nation, a daily published in Bangkok, reported Tuesday that the United States is seeking to use the land as a "forward position" to combat militant groups suspected of planning attacks in Southeast Asia.

The possible sites, according to the report, are near Sattahip naval base, south of Pattaya, and Utapao air base, 90 miles south of Bangkok in Chonburi and Rayong provinces.

"The U.S. has interests in every part of the world and strategically it needs facilities for force deployment to protect such interests," Rear Adm. Yuttana Phagpolnam, the director general of Thailand's naval operations department, was quoted as saying.

A Pacific Command spokeswoman could neither confirm nor deny the story.

"We have no information on this," Lt. Cmdr. Jensen Sommer told Stars and Stripes on Wednesday.

The Nation noted in the same report that Washington has made no formal approach on such plans.

An official with Thailand's Defense Ministry said no one from the agency could comment until Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Chinnawat and his defense minister returned from the States on Friday. Chinnawat met with President Bush on Tuesday for talks on trade, money to fight AIDS and other topics.

Thailand's quiet war on terrorism also may be on the table, according to the Boston Globe. Thailand officially was neutral while the United States and other nations waged war in Afghanistan and Iraq in recent years, a point of contention with some in the Bush administration, says the Globe.

Terrorism at home is becoming a concern for tourism-driven Thailand, despite the Thai government's repeated denials during the U.S. global war on terrorism that terrorist groups were operating from Thai soil.

Three Thai Muslims were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of plotting terrorist attacks against five unnamed foreign embassies and resorts. The men reportedly had links with Jemaah Islamiyah, a regional terrorist network blamed for last year's bombings on the Indonesian island Bali that killed more than 200 people. The group is believed to be linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Muslims are Thailand's largest religious minority and are concentrated mostly in the country's southernmost provinces.

Thailand and the United States have been staunch allies since shortly after World War II. The United States flew bombing missions from Utapao air base during the Vietnam War and Thailand, with its tropical climate, has long been a favorite leisure spot for American GIs.

Each May, thousands of U.S. troops train in Thailand's annual Cobra Gold military exercise. About 1,500 U.S. servicemembers are currently in Thailand for the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise.

## Records ordered expunged

CHICAGO — A federal judge gave the FBI permission to expunge the arrest records of eight men who spent a week in jail as material witnesses based on a bogus tip about a terrorist plot against Chicago.

U.S. District Judge James F. Holderman said Wednesday that further investigation by federal officials had determined that the men "had no information relevant to any terrorist plot."

The FBI said it was already attempting to erase any public record of its arrest of the eight men on Oct. 12, 2001, a month after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The government was acting on a tip that someone "was going to engage in a suicide crash," according to court papers.

None of the eight was ever charged, but their names have appeared on a "no fly" list kept at airports, and one man said he has been repeatedly stopped while trying to board planes. Another was denied federally subsidized housing, and a third encountered problems when applying for permanent U.S. resident status.

In those cases, the FBI intervened to help the men, who are originally from Egypt. Seven of the men live in Evansville in southern Indiana, and the eighth person left the country since his arrest, the FBI said.

Internal FBI records of the arrest will remain, the agency said.

From staff and wire reports

# Dad's fuel control design saves son 25 years later

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — In 1977, Donald Budrejko and a team of engineers from the Hamilton Standard engineering shop in Windsor Locks, Conn., worked on a new fuel control system for military helicopter engines.

Budrejko is a retired Navy aviator. We're going to make the JFC-78 jet fuel control system just as sturdy and reliable as we can, Budrejko tells his team. They do it.

And 25 years later, the team's dedication to quality does save the life of someone's child.

Budrejko's own son.

On March 23, the United States was three days into its second war with Iraq.

The U.S. Marine Corps had brought its Super Cobra helicopters to the fight, helicopters powered by two General Electric T-700 gas turbine engines. Each engine uses the Hamilton Standard JFC-78, which Budrejko helped design.

The system, which functions something like an automobile's carburetor, "is a nice, solid fuel control," Budrejko said in a June 6 telephone interview with Stars and Stripes from the Arlington, Va., offices of Tenix Data-gate, Inc., where he is director of strategic sales. "It's very reliable."

Along with the Cobras came the pilots, including the second of Budrejko's four children, Capt. Thomas Budrejko, 28, a Naval Academy graduate.

Tom flew the first combat mission of his career the very day the war began, with sorties into Umm Qasr in the morning, and then later in the afternoon, west of Basra.

His Cobra was hit by small arms fire at some point that day, but the damage was so minor "I didn't know it until I finally shut down that evening," he wrote. "Those rounds were harmless."

That wasn't the case March 23, when his Cobra was again hit by ground fire. This time, the damage was serious.

The Cobra was flying low, 200 feet from the ground, when the enemy fired from a hidden spot in an orchard.

A blizzard of small arms rounds punched through the sky. They hit the rotor. They pierced the engine cowling. And the hot metal also shredded the JFC-78 fuel control system's fuel line.

The fuel line held.

And something that Don Budrejko started back in 1977 came full circle.

In a postcombat e-mail to his father, Tom wrote, "Good job with the T-700 fuel control! Even though I was streaming fuel, the engine gave me enough power to make it back."

"Son of a gun," Don said. "Whenever you're designing something, you realize someone's son or family member will be flying that aircraft, but little did I realize that it would be my own son."

According to Don, Tom — whose call sign is "Bull" — decided to fly at the age of 7, after his father took him to see the Navy's Blue Angels demonstration team.

But Tom tells it differently. He said he decided to be a military aviator because he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps.

"He always was, and still is, my hero, and I never wanted to do anything else but be a Navy pilot," Tom wrote in a June 10 e-mail to Stars and Stripes from the USS Saipan, which is now on its way back to the United States.

"He joined because of his dad," agreed Tom's mother, Mary Budrejko, said in a June 7 telephone interview.

The father pinned the wings on the son when Tom graduated from flight school in March 1999. They were the same wings that Don received in 1970 from his uncle, an aviator who flew in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Tom was assigned to HMLA-269 Det. A, based at the Marine Corps Air Station at New River, N.C., when war with Iraq began to loom.

"He went to his skipper and made sure he was on the list," Don said.

When Tom did get the call to deploy, his mother was frantic with worry, although she did her best to hide it. She couldn't stop crying as she bid her son farewell over a cell phone, Mary said.

The young captain's father, however, was pragmatic.

"If he's going to make a career of [military aviation], he's got to see the action," Don said.

Besides, "He's a good stick, a good flier. He's aggressive, he can take care of himself," Don said. "I don't worry about Tom."

The entire Budrejko family, plus Heather Farnum, a pharmacy technician Tom met while in flight school in Pensacola, Fla., and her family, will be waiting at the airfield when Tom's squad Donflies its helicopters from the Saipan.

And what's in store for the new combat veteran when he steps onto the Tarmac?

"Hugs, sweet hugs!" Mary said.

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## Airman killed in crash

SAN MARTINO, Italy — An Air Force noncommissioned officer stationed at Aviano Air Base was killed early Thursday morning in a single-vehicle accident.

Staff Sgt. George M. Wilson Jr. of the 31st Maintenance Squadron died after crashing his motorcycle while driving through the San Martino industrial area east of Aviano.

No other information was available.

## Colonel gets 4½ years

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — A U.S. Army colonel who formerly headed contracting here was sentenced Monday to 4½ years in prison for accepting \$900,000 in bribes from South Korean construction companies, according to the Department of Justice.

Col. Richard J. Moran, 56, a Maine native, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, Calif., according to information published by the DOJ. He pleaded guilty in January to two counts of conspiracy and one count of bribery, DOJ stated.

As commander of Contracting Command Korea, Moran oversaw 140 people and 17,000 contracts worth more than \$310 million annually.

The officer had a "stellar military record" but his bribery schemes made him a "profound disappointment to society," U.S. District Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler stated in the DOJ news release.

Moran, a 25-year Army veteran, was reassigned to the Los Alamitos Army Airfield in southern California after his arrest in South Korea.

His wife, Gina Cha Moran, 44, was sentenced Monday to two years of probation. She pleaded guilty in January to one count of making a false statement.

When Army Criminal Investigation Command agents raided the Morans' Yongsan post home in January 2002, they found more than \$700,000 in cash. The money came from two South Korean companies — Aulson and Sky Construction Company Ltd. and IBS Industries Company Ltd. — in exchange for favoritism, according to the DOJ.

A third person, Joseph Kang Hur, was sentenced to 10 months in prison for one count of bribery. An indictment alleged he helped collect bribes and deliver them to Moran. Hur, 57, of Anaheim Hills, Calif., pleaded guilty to the charge.

Ronald Adair Parrish, 49, was convicted of violations of the Procurement Integrity Act, which prohibits the release of contractor bid information. Parrish was chief of the Contract Support Division for CCK.

Richard Lee Carlisle, a 31-year-old Harrison County, Ind., businessman, was convicted of violating the same act. The court found he benefited from the release of confidential bid information for providing computer services to the base.

Parrish and Carlisle are to be sentenced July 21.

## Ex-Stripes editor dies of cancer

A former Stars and Stripes editor in the Pacific has died after a bout with cancer. He was 75. Howard Charles "Pete" Peterson, managing editor with Pacific Stars and Stripes from 1970 to 1977, died April 29 in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was with the newspaper in Tokyo from 1960 to 1965 and 1966 until 1977. He was Korea editor and news editor prior to being named managing editor.

Originally from Worcester, Mass., Peterson served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was assigned to Operation Crossroads, an atmospheric nuclear weapon test series conducted in the summer of 1946.

The series consisted of two detonations, the first such tests held off Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

After military service he graduated from the University of New Mexico and went into journalism.

Peterson is survived by his mother, Ethel Peterson, and his two daughters, Catherine Peterson Moorhouse and Helen Peterson.

His wife, Edith H. Peterson, died in 1974.

## Sailor found dead

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — A USS Fort McHenry sailor was found dead in an empty berthing space Tuesday evening, according to a Commander, Task Force 76 statement.

The sailor, whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, was found by a crewmember. Attempts to revive the sailor were unsuccessful.

The incident is under investigation, the statement said.

From staff reports

# Craig agrees to release 127 Air Force nominees

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig cleared the way for the Senate to approve the promotions of 127 Air Force captains and majors, but will continue to stall promotions of higher-ranking officers in a showdown over planes for the Air National Guard in his state.

Relenting to requests from the White House, Craig's staff processed paperwork releasing the 127 nominees Wednesday night and they were scheduled for a Senate vote Thursday, said Will Hart, a spokesman for the Idaho Republican.

"Senator Craig is still reserving his right on the rest of these holds until we are able to come to a conclusion," Hart said.

Hart said holds remain in place on 85 colonels and generals, including Maj. Gen. John W. Rosa Jr., who was picked to lead the Air Force Academy, which has been marred by a rape scandal in recent months.

Some Senate officials have put the number of officers' nominations on hold at nearly 400.

Senate rules allow any senator to delay action indefinitely on a nomination sent by the president for Senate confirmation.

Craig put the holds on the Air Force promotions nearly three weeks ago and vowed to stall them until the Air Force honors a commitment to add four C-130 transport

planes to complete a squadron at Gowen Air National Guard Base in Boise.

Craig said he had worked in the past several years to secure \$40 million in construction at the air base in anticipation of the planes being relocated. The additional planes would bolster the Boise air field's standing in the coming round of military base closures scheduled for 2005.

Craig met with Air Force Secretary James G. Roche and White House representatives who acted as arbiters in the dispute, but no resolution was reached and there have been no meetings since, Hart said. There have been staff-level discussions.

White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer has made it clear that the president wants the nominations to proceed.

"That's in part why the senator released the lower ranks of this field grade list in deference to the White House position, but they are working with us, so that is a positive," Hart said.

Rosa was expected to be in place at the Air Force Academy earlier this month to help reform the military academy after allegations that the previous leadership was dismissive of cadets' reports of sexual assaults.

The senator also has delayed the confirmation of Gen. Robert Foglesong, selected to head the U.S. Air Forces in Europe; and Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, who commanded allied air forces during the Iraq war, and would replace Foglesong as Air Force vice chief of staff.

# NATO approves sweeping military changes

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO defense ministers agreed Thursday on a radical overhaul of the alliance's military command, shedding Cold War structures and shifting the focus to the fight against terrorism and other unpredictable threats.

"This is a new NATO, a NATO transformed," said Lord Robertson, the alliance's secretary general, who has called the changes the most radical in the alliance's 54-year history.

"They profoundly reshape the alliance's military structures and greatly enhance its military capabilities," he told the defense ministers meeting.

In further developments to sharpen the alliance's military edge, allies agreed that first elements of an elite rapid response force should be up and running by October. And a dozen allies signed commitments to lease ships and big transport planes to fill a yawning gap in their military toolbox.

"Our forces and defense structures must be flexible

enough to respond quickly and effectively to [new] threats and challenges," the 19 ministers said in a statement.

Under the reforms, NATO's worldwide operational command will be centered in its European headquarters outside Casteau in southern Belgium under U.S. Marine Gen. James L. Jones.

Its Atlantic command, at Norfolk, Virginia, will become a "transformation headquarters" overseeing the military modernization led by U.S. Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani who also heads the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

NATO's regional and sub-regional headquarters will be cut from 20 to 11 to change a grid of commands dating back to the Cold War.

The aim is to give teeth to a NATO doctrine developed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States under which the alliance agreed to act worldwide to tackle threats to the security of the 19 allies. NATO has already begun putting that into practice.

It has agreed to take over peacekeeping in the Afghan capital, Kabul, in August, and to provide backup for Polish-led peacekeepers in Iraq. Both missions may be expanded in the months ahead.

# Retired general fits Rumsfeld's Army plan

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Although Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's unprecedented decision to nominate retired four-star general Peter J. Schoomaker as the next chief of staff took many by surprise, the move actually fits Rumsfeld's agenda, Army watchers said.

Reports emerged yesterday that Pentagon officials formally will announce Schoomaker's selection later this week, which then would be subject to Senate confirmation.

But rumors that Rumsfeld was considering Schoomaker actually began to surface three weeks ago, after Central Commander Gen. Tommy Franks and Gen. John Keane, the current vice chief of staff, both turned down the job.

The appointment of Schoomaker "makes sense in a number of ways from Rumsfeld's perspective," according to John Grady, a former Army officer and spokesman for the Association of the U.S. Army in Washington.

First, Schoomaker is an expert in special operations, which under Rumsfeld has come out of the shadows and into the limelight as the star of Afghanistan, and in a less visible role, Iraq.

And while he was in active service, Schoomaker also was a passionate advocate of transformation — not only Army transformation, but Pentagon transformation.

In his last official appearance, on Nov. 2, 2000, Schoomaker told an Institute of Land Warfare gathering in Washington, "I'm a believer that it is necessary to transform. We have to."

Schoomaker also told that audience that too often

equipment is made out to be the most important element in bringing the Army into the future — a comment that probably resonates with Rumsfeld, who is said to believe Cold War thinking, not outdated weapons, is keeping the Army from truly modernizing.

And in retirement, Schoomaker did not cut himself off from his friends in the Army, according to people who know him.

"He's current on Army issues," Grady said in a Wednesday telephone interview.

Schoomaker is said to have assisted Franks with the special operations portions of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, a conflict that integrated special operations forces into conventional arms to an extent never previously seen.

If Rumsfeld goes ahead with the nomination, the message to the Army will be clear, one former Army officer said Wednesday: "I'm gonna shake things up."

The shake-up has been going on ever since Rumsfeld took his own post.

In the past two years, the Army has seen its civilian leader, former Army Gen. Thomas White, fired, and its centerpiece artillery program, the Crusader, canceled.

In May, Rumsfeld announced he was moving in Air Force Secretary James Roche, a former corporate scion and Navy officer, as White's replacement.

But even before all of this, Rumsfeld forced his chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, into lame-duck mode by announcing Shinseki's departure 18 months before the position officially expired at the end of June 2003.

The Army held a formal retirement ceremony for Shinseki on Wednesday. Keane temporarily will assume Shinseki's job until a new chief gets Senate approval, Army officials said.

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# New threat found to remaining shuttles

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WASHINGTON — Investigators said Thursday they discovered a dangerous new threat to America's remaining three space shuttles, a fault affecting the heavy bolts that connect the powerful solid-rocket boosters to the external fuel tanks.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board, studying the fiery breakup of the Feb. 1 shuttle flight over the southwestern United States, said it worried that parts of these 40-pound, 2-foot-long bolts could break free shortly after liftoff and smash against delicate areas on spacecraft during future missions.

Board officials said the fault involves a "bolt catcher," a container mounted on the fuel tank designed to capture fragments of the attachment bolts immediately after astronauts jettison the powerful booster rockets about 28 miles into their ascent.

Retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, the head of the board, said investigators have determined that the bolt catcher was "not as robust as we would want."

Air Force Maj. General John Barry, a board member, indicated the flaw could delay NASA's next shuttle launch.

"This is a possible return-to-flight issue," said Barry, calling the bolts a "pretty heavy piece of machinery."

The 150-foot-tall rockets are mounted on either side of a shuttle's external fuel tank and help provide nearly all the tremendous thrust needed to enter orbit. They are designed to fall away safely into the ocean for later recovery by NASA.

Board members said they do not believe the breakaway bolts — which use explosive devices during the jettison to break the attachment — contributed to the Columbia disaster. But they expressed concern that bolt fragments could cause similarly fatal damage to another shuttle's protective tiles or panels on future missions.

"We're not changing our working scenario," Barry said.

Investigators indicated they remain convinced that a chunk of foam from the external tank smashed against Columbia's left wing, loosening a protective panel along the leading edge. That permitted searing temperatures to penetrate the spacecraft during its fiery return 16 days later, melting key structures aboard Columbia until it tumbled out of control at nearly 13,000 miles per hour. All seven astronauts died.

The latest discovery came during an extensive study of all potential threats to the shuttle, officials said.

The explosive devices on the bolts sever the booster rockets from the external tank within 30 milliseconds of the command to detonate them. The procedure is exceedingly precise and dangerous — because of risks that one booster might detach before another and send the shuttle tumbling off course or out of control.

## Details emerge of how kidnapped girl won her release

BY RACHEL KONRAD  
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Prosecutors said a man who abducted a 9-year-old last week sexually attacked the girl in her house before taking her to his home and repeatedly assaulting her again.

Deputy District Attorney Matt Braker said the girl was eventually able to persuade her abductor not to kill her but to release her instead, authorities said.

Investigators praised the girl for winning her release by telling her kidnapper she had asthma and could die without medication. She also memorized his cell phone number, which helped authorities make a quick arrest, the girl's mother said.

"I taught my daughter to be very observant and strong," Roselia Tamayo said Wednesday outside her home. "She knows how to fight."

As new details of the girl's two-day captivity emerged, prosecutors pressed their case against the man accused of abducting her, Enrique Sosa Alvarez. He was arraigned on nine felony counts including rape, sexual assault, assault and burglary — charges that could send him to prison for up to 115 years.

Wearing a mustard-colored shirt, Alvarez appeared in court Wednesday in handcuffs and chains with his right arm wrapped in gauze. The suspect was attacked by a police dog during his arrest.

His next court appearance was set for July 1.

Alvarez's attorney, Carl Beatty, said he will offer more evidence and his client may enter a plea at the July 1 hearing.

Beatty declined to discuss specifics. "We do a full and fair investigation

and realize our system works best when we don't rush to judgment," said Beatty, who was appointed to represent Alvarez only hours before the hearing.

Sunday night, the kidnapper drove her to a liquor store 30 miles away, where she called her mother's cell phone and gave police key details — including the attacker's address. Police found Alvarez hiding in the attic of the home, which belonged to his former girlfriend.

Between the girl's persuasive ability and the intense media coverage, authorities allege Alvarez became rattled Sunday night and drove the girl to the store several cities away and "basically told her to get out of the car," Braker said.

Within hours, the girl had supplied authorities with enough details to help police find him. The girl remembered many digits of her kidnapper's cell phone number and related the delivery of a pizza which police tracked to a house near where she was taken Friday after returning home alone from school.

Police said Alvarez may have met the victim earlier when she played with his girlfriend's twin 11-year-old daughters. The girlfriend reportedly moved out with her children several days before the abduction.

Authorities were still trying to learn more about Alvarez and determine what contact he had with other children. They said Alvarez was previously convicted of auto theft, but he doesn't appear to have any sex-related crimes on his record.

The girl's mother said her daughter is "nervous and still in shock" and refuses to leave home.

"All that she says to me is 'I don't want you to ever leave me,'" Tamayo said as the family Chihuahua barked from behind the fence.

## Police: DNAs show serial rapist attacking children

MIAMI — DNA tests have linked a serial rapist to four victims, including two children who were attacked as they returned home from school, Miami police said.

Authorities offered a \$10,000 reward for any information in the case and swept the neighborhoods for the suspect, described as a Spanish-speaking man in his 30s or 40s.

"We will know who he is and we will capture him," Miami Police Deputy Chief Frank Fernandez said Wednesday in announcing the DNA test results.

Police said they believe the rapist could be tied to at least six cases and were investigating others for potential connections.

Three young girls have been attacked in the span of four weeks.

Two of those attacks have been linked to the serial rapist, on an 11-year-old who opened the door to a stranger's knock on June 2 and on a 13-year-old who was attacked May 15 after school when a man grabbed her and dragged her behind her house.

Police said DNA evidence had also linked the suspect to assaults of a 21-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman last year.

## Father, son survive 5 days in Alaska river

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — A father and son on an arctic rafting expedition survived a plunge under river ice and five days without food or supplies, rescuers said.

Blake Stanfield and his father, Neil, were found "starving and tired and exhausted" before being flown out of the wilderness early Wednesday by an Army helicopter, said 1st Lt. Wesley Madden, an Army pilot.

The pair lost their supplies Friday when they and their raft were sucked under a large patch of ice near the Arctic Circle, Madden said.

They said they were trapped under about 30 feet of water on the North Fork of the Koyukuk River before surfacing in a break in the ice. The break lasted long enough for them to grab a breath before being swept underneath a longer section of ice, said Chief Warrant Officer Keith Northcutt, another Army pilot.

"The only thing that saved them was a little pocket where they could hold their head and breathe," Northcutt said. They were eventually swept into ice-free water, but most of their supplies were lost.

The son set his father up in a one-man tent and hiked out to get help, Northcutt said. Four days later, a bush pilot spotted the younger Stanfield and returned with another bush pilot. One of the pilots, Berni Hicker, said they dropped a radio and found out what had happened. The other pilot, Dirk Nikisch, then flew around and looked for the elder Stanfield.

"It took us a while to find him, but we did," Hicker said.

Nikisch also supplied the coordinates that enabled the Army helicopter to retrieve the Stanfields.

After being found to have no serious medical problems, the Stanfields were flown to Bettles.

## Health worker may have caught monkeypox from human

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin health care worker may have contracted monkeypox from a patient in what would be the first known case of the disease spreading from one person to another in the United States, officials said Thursday.

Wisconsin state epidemiologist Jeff Davis said health officials are testing tissue specimens to confirm whether the unidentified sick worker is infected with the exotic African virus.

Until now, health officials have said the weeklong outbreak in the United States has been spread by pet prairie dogs. But the disease can also be transmitted from one person to another, something that has happened in Africa.

Herb Bostrom, director of the state Bureau of Communicable Diseases, suggested that the finding is not necessarily reason for alarm.

Monkeypox "spreads much more readily from animals to humans than it does from human to human," Bostrom said. "You're not going to get it from somebody sitting on the bus or walking down the hall."

As of Thursday, U.S. health officials had confirmed a total of 12 human cases of the disease: four each in Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. Also, 54 possible cases had been reported — 25 in Indiana, 17 in Wisconsin, 11 in Illinois and one in New Jersey.

No one has died from the disease in the United States.

## Concealed weapons in schools not covered by insurance

SALT LAKE CITY — The state's two largest school districts are working out the details of how to enforce a new Utah law allowing teachers to carry concealed weapons into classrooms.

But a sticking point has emerged: Any use of a weapon on school grounds — lawful or not — likely wouldn't be covered by the schools' state insurance provider. Instead, the employee who brings the gun to school would be liable for its use.

Schools across Utah are reviewing their weapons policies to conform to a law passed by the Legislature earlier this year that allows employees to bring concealed weapons in schools as long as the weapon is covered, not left in the open and is "readily accessible for immediate use."

The issue is whether gun-toters are acting within their scope of employment, said Alan Edwards, director of the State Division of Risk Management, which insures the schools.

If an employee's job description included carrying a gun, the insurance carrier would cover any damage or legal bills stemming from its use, he said.

Cal Evans, executive director for compliance and special programs in the Jordan school district, said his district's tentative policy makes clear that if a concealed weapons carrier fires a gun at a school, that person will be liable for their actions. Evans said he isn't convinced the new law will make schools safer.

## Cigarette makers spending more on advertising

WASHINGTON — Cigarette manufacturers are spending more money than ever to advertise and promote their products, according to a government report released Thursday.

The industry spent \$11.2 billion on advertising and promotions in 2001, the last year for which such figures were available, according to the study by the Federal Trade Commission.

The spending marked a 17 percent increase over 2000, when the industry spent \$9.6 billion.

Despite the increase in advertising, cigarette sales dropped 3.8 percent from 2000 levels, the study said.

Cigarette manufacturers reached a \$206 billion settlement in 1998 with 46 states. The agreement banned cigarette advertising on billboards and public transportation. It also curtailed giveaways of branded merchandise, such as hats with logos, and cigarette samples, and it limited the number of public events such as auto races that companies could sponsor.

From wire reports

## Newsman Brinkley dead at 82

NEW YORK — David Brinkley, who first gained fame as one-half of NBC's Huntley-Brinkley anchor team and for more than a half-century loomed large in the newscasting world he helped chart, has died at the age of 82.

Brinkley died Wednesday night at his home in Houston of complications from a fall, ABC News said Thursday.

During his career, which in recent years took him to ABC, Brinkley won 10 Emmy awards, three George Foster Peabody Awards and, in 1992, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Former President Bush called him "the elder statesman of broadcast journalism," but Brinkley spoke of himself in less grandiose terms.

"Most of my life," he said in a 1992 interview. "I've simply been a reporter covering things, and writing and talking about it."

He stepped down as host of ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" in November 1996 but continued to do commentaries. He left amid a rare controversy, and an apology: Late on Election Night, after a long evening, he had said unkind things about President Clinton on the air, including calling him a "bore."

Clinton sat for an interview for Brinkley's last show anyway, and after Brinkley apologized, told him: "I always believe you have to judge people on their whole work, and if you get judged based on your whole work, you come out way ahead."

Based in Washington and focusing on politics, Brinkley was known for his gentlemanly manner, wry wit and, as the Clinton incident illustrated, occasional suffer-no-fools bluntness. Playing against such refinement were a boyish appearance and a jerky style of delivery that suggested a mild case of hiccups.

In 1956, his distinctive presence was paired with craggy, leading-man-handsome Chet Huntley for NBC News' coverage of the Democratic and Republican national conventions. It was a perfect fit.

Following that success, the two took over NBC's nightly newscast, with Huntley in New York and Brinkley in Washington. The program, at first only 15 minutes long, switched back and forth between them.

Beyond that regular report, Huntley and Brinkley led NBC as it interrupted regular programming to cover space shots, assassinations, riots and other breaking news with a thoroughness summed up by the unofficial byword "CBS plus 30 [minutes]."

From The Associated Press

# Gregory Peck dies at 87

BY BOB THOMAS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gregory Peck, the lanky, handsome movie star whose long career included such classics as "Roman Holiday," "Spellbound" and his Academy Award winner, "To Kill a Mockingbird," has died, a spokesman said Thursday. He was 87.

Peck died overnight, Monroe Friedman told The Associated Press.

Peck's craggy good looks, grace and measured speech contributed to his screen image as the decent, courageous man of action. From his film debut in 1944 with "Days of Glory," he was never less than a star. He was nominated for an Oscar five times, and his range of roles was astonishing.

He portrayed a priest in "Keys of the Kingdom," combat heroes in "Twelve O'Clock High" and "Pork Chop Hill," Westerners in "Yellow Sky" and "The Gunfighter," a romantic in "Roman Holiday." His commanding presence suited him for legendary characters: King David in "David and Bathsheba," sea captains in "Captain Horatio Hornblower" and "Moby Dick," F. Scott Fitzgerald in "Beloved Infidel," the war leader "MacArthur," and Abraham Lincoln in the TV miniseries "The Blue and the Grey."

Peck's rare attempts at unsympathetic roles usually failed. He played the renegade son in the Western "Duel in the Sun" and the infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele in "The Boys from Brazil."

Off-screen as well as on, Peck conveyed a

quiet dignity. He had one amicable divorce, and scandal never touched him. He served as president of the Motion Picture Academy and was active in the Motion Picture and Television Fund, American Cancer Society, National Endowment for the Arts and other causes.

"I'm not a do-gooder," he insisted after learning of the Academy's Jean Hersholt humanitarian award in 1968. "It embarrassed me to be classified as a humanitarian. I simply take part in activities that I believe in."

Peck died at his Los Angeles home overnight, with his wife, Veronique, at his side, Friedman said.

"She told me very briefly that he died peacefully. She was with him, holding his hand, and he just went to sleep," Friedman said.

"He had just been getting older and more fragile. He wasn't really ill. He just sort of ran his course and died of old age."

During his first five years in films, Peck scored four Academy Award nominations as best actor: "Keys of the Kingdom" (1944), "The Yearling" (1946), "Gentleman's Agreement" (1947), "Twelve O'Clock High" (1949).

In "To Kill a Mockingbird" — for which he won the 1962 Oscar as best actor — he played Atticus Finch, a small-town Southern lawyer who defies public sentiment to defend a black man accused of rape.

"I put everything I had into it — all my feelings and everything I'd learned in 46 years of living, about family life and fathers and children," he remarked in 1989. "And my feelings about racial justice and inequality and opportunity."

In 2003, an American Film Institute listing of the top heroes in film history ranked Peck's Atticus Finch as No. 1.

## Jacko ordered to Indiana

Michael Jackson has returned to Indianapolis for a second attempt at giving a court-ordered deposition in a copyright lawsuit.

Judge Philip Simon ordered Jackson to come back by Friday after the 44-year-old pop star fell ill before he could give a deposition last month.

Jackson was briefly hospitalized May 21, but was released about two hours later and returned home to Los Angeles.

Simon ordered Jackson to return to Indianapolis by June 13 to complete the deposition, and said he might fine Jackson \$1,000 a day for the delay.

## No Snoop-ing around

Snoop Dogg was just trying to visit his grandmother

## Faces 'n' places

er, but a quick stop at a convenience store to ask for directions sparked a wildfire of gossip.

"Then everybody seemed to know he was in town," his aunt, Earleen Broadus, said Sunday.

The 31-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, was between shows in Charlotte, N.C., and Myrtle Beach. He hadn't visited family in South Carolina since he was a toddler, so he decided to drop by his grandmother's home Saturday evening.

"It's twice he's come to see me. Bless his heart. Some of his music is all right. But I believe in the church. I told him he could just leave some parts of that other out. He said, 'Oh, Big Momma, nothing wrong with it. I gotta make a living.' He looked good and healthy," 92-year-old Corine Broadus said.

Before he left, Snoop posed for photos with police officers and handed out promotional CDs to fans.

## Prince Harry eyes army life

Prince Harry, who finished his Eton education with the last of his exams on Thursday, has decided to train for a career in the army, St. James's Palace announced.

Harry, 18, will apply to Sandhurst military academy before taking a year off from studying, and if he is accepted, would expect to join the army late next year, Prince Charles' office at the palace said.

Like his elder brother, William, Harry was expected to spend his year off working and traveling.

At Eton, Harry took part in the school's Combined Cadet Corps and was runner-up for the top accolade of Sword of Honor.

From wire services

## 3rd Israeli airstrike kills seven

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — In the third Israeli airstrike in 24 hours, Israeli helicopters fired several missiles at the car of a Hamas fugitive Thursday, killing seven people, including the wanted man, his wife and 2-year-old daughter.

The latest spike in violence — 35 Israelis and Palestinians killed and more than 130 wounded in two days — suggested a new stage in the 32-month-old conflict, with Israel and Hamas threatening to fight each other to the finish.

Hamas said it would unleash multiple attacks and urged foreigners to leave Israel for their own safety. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that despite a new U.S.-backed peace plan, he would hunt Palestinian militants "to the bitter end."

In a 24-hour period that began Wednesday afternoon, a Hamas suicide bomber killed 16 people in a Jerusalem bus attack and Israel carried out three airstrikes that killed 18 Palestinians, about half of them civilians.

In the latest rocket attack Thursday, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at a car belonging to Yasser Taha, a Hamas fugitive and member of the group's military wing. In all, seven people were killed, including Taha, his wife Fatima, 25, and their 2-year-old daughter, Asnan, doctors said. A baby bottle and baby shoes were pulled from the burning car.

Twenty-nine people were hurt in the strike.

The car was targeted in Gaza City's Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, near a cemetery, where earlier in the day the 11 dead from Wednesday's airstrikes were buried. Witnesses said at least one missile hit as bystanders surrounded Taha's car.

## U.S. again exempted from court

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council on Thursday approved another one-year exemption for

American peacekeepers from prosecution by the new international war crimes tribunal, but it faced opposition from France, Germany and Syria.

France, Germany and Syria abstained, despite a U.S. appeal not to further strain the bitter trans-Atlantic division over the war against Iraq. The three argued that a special U.S. exemption was not necessary and only weakens the International Criminal Court.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan spoke out strongly against any attempt to try to make the exemption permanent — which the United States initially sought. He warned that this would not only undermine the court but the authority of the U.N. Security Council "and the legitimacy of United Nations peacekeeping."

The resolution adopted by a vote of 12-0 with the three abstentions, authorizes a yearlong exemption from arrest or trial for peacekeepers from the United States and other countries that have not ratified the Rome treaty establishing the court.

## Researchers trace HIV ancestry

WASHINGTON — The ancestry of the virus that caused the AIDS epidemic has been traced to two strains of virus found in monkeys in Africa.

The viruses probably passed into chimpanzees when the apes ate infected monkey meat, researchers say.

Earlier studies have shown that HIV1, the virus that causes the most common form of human AIDS, originated from a simian immunodeficiency virus, or SIV, that is found in chimpanzees. But how chimps came to have SIV has been a mystery.

American and English researchers analyzed the genetic pattern of a number of SIV strains in African monkeys and concluded that at least two strains found in the red-capped mangabeys and in the greater spot-nosed monkeys in south-central Africa com-

bined to form the type of SIV now found in African chimps.

It was this form of SIV that spread into the human population to start the HIV1 epidemic that has killed millions of people, researchers report.

A second type of AIDS, called HIV2, is known to have been transmitted from the sooty mangabey in West Africa to humans directly, without going through the chimp.

Monkeys and chimps both represent a reservoir of SIV viruses that could, in theory, be spread to humans, forming a new type of immunodeficiency disease, he said.

The viruses were most likely spread from species to species when chimps eat monkey meat and hunters in Africa eat chimp meat, Bibollet-Ruche said.

## Al-Jazeera Web site hacking charges

LOS ANGELES — Federal prosecutors have charged a Web designer with intercepting e-mail and content from Arab TV station Al-Jazeera's Internet site and rerouting it to a "Let Freedom Ring" patriotic page he devised.

John William Racine II, 24, also known as John Buffo, was charged with one count each of unlawful interception of an electronic communication and wire fraud.

The charges claim that on March 25 Racine discovered a password that allowed him to reroute those who tried to visit Al-Jazeera's Web site to his own site, which contained an American flag in the shape of the continental United States and the words, "Let Freedom Ring."

He also captured about 300 Al-Jazeera e-mail messages, authorities said. He allegedly got the password by posing as a networking contact and communicating with Network Solutions Inc. by faxing requests with a forged signature and fake identification.

From wire reports



# Leonard, Blake share lead as Woods struggles at U.S. Open

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OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. — Justin Leonard's great wedge shot started a roll of three straight birdies Thursday and sent him into a share of the early lead at the U.S. Open with a 4-under 66.

Jay Don Blake, who has missed the cut in the Open seven times in 11 previous appearances, also had a 66 after the morning threesomes completed their rounds.

Tiger Woods, struggling off the tee, was four shots back. The highlight of his round of even-par 70: a 25-foot eagle putt on the par-5 sixth hole.

After sinking the long putt, the defending champion pumped his fist as a large gallery following him, two-time champ Ernie Els and U.S. Amateur winner Ricky Barnes broke into a loud ovation.

Woods, playing holes 10-18 first, had a bogey on the 18th and another at his last hole — No. 9 — on the 7,190-yard course at Olympia Fields.

"I didn't hit a few tee shots the way I wanted," Woods said. "You have to be patient, the golf course will only get tougher. In a major championship, you just have to keep plugging away."

Leonard recovered from a bogey on No. 12 by hitting a great pitching wedge to within 2 feet on the very next hole. Birdies followed on 14 and 15 en route to his lowest-ever round at the U.S. Open.

"To be able to hit that, a pitching wedge in there and get that stroke right back I dropped at 12 was certainly the shot of the day," Leonard said. "I was able to build up some momentum after that."

The 44-year-old Blake calmed himself early with a par on his opening hole.

"Then I started to take a deep breath and see if I could get some air instead of choking myself," he said. "From there I started to hit some pretty good shots."

Among other early starters near the top were Australian Stephen Leaney, who shot had a 3-under 67, while Tom

Gillis, Ian Leggatt and Mark Calcavecchia were at 68. Els finished in a large group of golfers at 69, including Colin Montgomerie.

At the start, Woods hardly looked like the player who won two of the last three U.S. Opens on a cloudy and cool 60-degree morning.

Woods was in the right rough on No. 12, in the left rough on No.

14, but managed to keep par in the picture with skillful irons that bounced onto the firm greens.

He finally paid for it on the 18th, hitting his 3-wood into the bunker and, with his feet anchored in thick grass, hit a low punch into the deep collar of rough surrounding a bunker left of the green. He chopped it out to 15 feet and then 2-punted.

Vijay Singh, who has five top 10s in his last six tournaments and a victory in the Byron Nelson Classic, matched Woods with a 70 Thursday.

The course is a typical U.S. Open layout, featuring tough roughs, deep bunkers and quick greens. That's why low scores aren't expected.

With the exception of Woods at Pebble Beach three years ago — a record 12-under 272 — the U.S. Open champion has been no better than 5 under since 1994.

Els won the U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994, beating Loren Roberts and Colin Montgomerie in a tense three-way playoff. He was victorious again three years later at Congressional.

"There are two times I can think about pressure. Oakmont was probably the most I ever felt in my life," Els said. "And then obviously at Congressional. I had to make a 4- or 5-footer on the 18th to win."

"Don't get me wrong. There is pressure in each and every event, but the majors mean so much more to us as players. And sometimes we get in our own way."

Els has answered his fair share of Tiger-related questions over the years, but says beating Woods is not his main motivation. Winning is.

"I'm sure younger guys come out and they want to beat Tiger. Tiger is going to beat us 70 percent of the time, so in that way they're right," Els said.

## Astros 8, Yankees 0

NEW YORK — Forced to scramble after starter Roy Oswalt was injured Wednesday, a record six Houston pitchers combined on the first no-hitter against New York in 45 years.

Relievers Pete Munro, Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner finished to lead the Astros over the Yankees.

"First appearance for most of us in Yankee Stadium," Wagner said. "What better place could there be? This is like the history book."

It was the most pitchers ever to combine on a no-hitter in major league history — four had twice done it. The Yankees had gone 6,980 games — the longest streak in major league history — without being no-hit, since Hoyt Wilhelm's 1-0 victory for Baltimore on Sept. 20, 1958.

Oswalt strained his right groin and left in the second inning. He looked toward catcher Brad Ausmus after his second pitch of the inning, his 23rd of the game, and immediately was replaced.

Munro pitched 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, Saarloos 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings and Lidge (4-0) went two innings. Dotel threw the eighth and Wagner the ninth.

Jeff Weaver (3-5), repeatedly booed by the fans, appeared uncomfortable in his first start since May 31. He stayed in for 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, allowing five runs and 10 hits.

The closest New York came to a hit was in the fifth inning against Saarloos, when Alfonso Soriano sent a fly ball into short left field. Lance Berkman ran in, stuck out his glove and made a tumbling catch.

"This is one of the worst games I've ever been involved in," Yankees Manager Joe Torre said. "It was a total, inexcusable performance."

"I can't find a reason for what happened today," he said. "The whole game stunk."

## Baseball

### Blue Jays 8, Pirates 5

TORONTO — Roy Halladay won his ninth straight start, breaking Roger Clemens' team record, and Carlos Delgado hit his American League-leading 21st homer as Toronto beat Pittsburgh.

Halladay (9-2) allowed one run on eight hits in eight innings.

He struck out nine and walked one. The 26-year-old right-hander hasn't lost since April 15 against the Yankees — a span of 12 starts.

Clemens set the Toronto record by winning eight straight starts in 1997. Pittsburgh's Aramis Ramirez extended his career-high hitting streak to 22 games with a single in the first. Brian Giles homered and drove in four runs, three on a ninth-inning homer.

Orlando Hudson and Chris Woodward homered off Jeff D'Amico (4-7) in the second, the second straight night the Blue Jays have hit back-to-back homers.

### Dodgers 3, Tigers 1

DETROIT — Kevin Brown won his National League-best ninth game and Fred McGriff's go-ahead single moved him into a tie with Joe DiMaggio on the all-time RBI list as Los Angeles beat Detroit.

McGriff knocked in Brian Jordan in the fourth inning to give Los Angeles a 2-1 lead. It was McGriff's 1,537th RBI, tying DiMaggio for 36th place.

Eric Gagne pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in as many opportunities. He has saved 31 straight dating back to last season, the longest streak in the majors.

Adam Bernero (1-8) gave up three runs on four hits and three walks over 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

### Indians 3, Padres 2

CLEVELAND — C.C. Sabathia took a shutout into the eighth inning as Cleveland beat San Diego to win for the 10th time in its last 12 home games.

Sabathia (5-3) blanked San Diego on nine hits for 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings before giving up Brian Buchanan's two-out, two-run homer.

David Risko got the final out for Sabathia in the eighth inning and Dany Baez worked the ninth for his 14th save.

Rookie Jody Gerut homered off Adam Eaton (2-5) and made two nice plays in right field behind Sabathia.

### Red Sox 13, Cardinals 1

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez pitched three solid innings in his return from the disabled list for Boston, which had a season-high 19 hits to defeat St. Louis.

The Red Sox scored seven runs in the second inning and had at least eight runs for the fifth time in seven games.

Martinez left to a standing ovation after throwing 47 pitches as the Red Sox eased him back into action. He hadn't pitched since May 15 and went on the disabled list May 25 with an inflamed tendon and strained muscle high on his right side.

The Red Sox ace struck out three and allowed two hits and no walks as his ERA dropped from 2.83 to 2.70. He was replaced, as planned, by John Burkett (4-3) to start the fourth.

### Reds 7, Devil Rays 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Kelly Stinnett hit a grand slam and Aaron Boone snapped a ninth-inning tie with an RBI

single as Cincinnati handed Tampa Bay its season-high sixth straight loss.

Jose Guillen started the winning rally with a one-out single off Jesus Colome (1-3). He moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Boone's hit after Austin Kearns was walked intentionally.

Chris Reitsma (6-2) pitched two scoreless innings to get the victory. Scott Williamson worked the ninth to earn his 15th save in 16 opportunities.

The Reds squandered a 6-0 lead built mostly on Stinnett's third-inning grand slam. Tampa Bay rallied to tie it with five runs in the third and one in the fifth.

### Mets 8, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cliff Floyd homered and drove in five runs to back another solid outing by Mets rookie Jae Weong Seo of South Korea as New York beat Texas.

Floyd, who finished 3-for-4, put the Mets ahead to stay with a two-run single in the first. He hit his 13th homer in the seventh, a two-run shot that made it 8-2.

Seo (4-2) struck out six and scattered eight hits, allowing just two runs over seven innings.

Texas starter Victor Santos (0-1) gave up five runs on seven hits over 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

### Giants 11, White Sox 4

CHICAGO — Rookie Jesse Foppert pitched one-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Pedro Feliz hit a grand slam as San Francisco beat Chicago.

Barry Bonds added a two-run homer, the 630th of his career, and Ray Durham was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs. Every Giants starter except Marvin Benard scored.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SEATTLE — Rick Neuheisel will be fired as Washington's football coach for betting on NCAA basketball tournaments and lying to school officials about it, athletic director Barbara Hedges said Thursday.

Hedges said she has started the process of firing Neuheisel "for just cause."

Neuheisel, who acknowledged to NCAA investigators he bet on the tournaments, has until June 26 to respond to the notice of termination. He is on paid suspension in the meantime.

A decision on a new coach will be announced in a few days, Hedges said.

"Rick's actions have left me little choice and have seriously undermined his ability to remain as head football coach at the university," she said.

## Sports in brief

The NCAA prohibits coaches from gambling on college sports.

It was the final episode for the 42-year-old Neuheisel after a series of brushes with trouble during his 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-year tenure at Washington and, before that, for four seasons at Colorado.

Last fall, the NCAA banned Neuheisel from off-campus recruiting through this spring as punishment for 51 secondary rules violations at Colorado. The American Football Coaches Association later censured him for showing a lack of remorse.

Earlier this year, Neuheisel secretly interviewed with the San Francisco 49ers for their then-vacant coaching

job but released a statement denying he had done so. He later admitted he had lied.

### BASKETBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats might not need Michael Jordan to draw fan support. New owner Bob Johnson seems to be a big enough celebrity.

Thousands flooded the center of the city to see Johnson unveil the name and logo of his new NBA team — even though the "Bobcats" name and color scheme had leaked out days before.

That didn't stop fans from cheering

wildly when Johnson, the billionaire founder of BET, removed his suit jacket to reveal a black polo shirt with a menacing orange cat on the left breast.

### HOCKEY

TORONTO — Grant Fuhr was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The goalie became the third player from the Edmonton Oilers' dominating teams of the 1980s to make the Hall. He won five Stanley Cups with Edmonton while the Oilers were playing a wide-open style.

Fuhr, the first black member of the hockey hall, was joined by forward Pat LaFontaine, Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch and junior team coach Brian Kilrea.

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## Nets 77, Spurs 76

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tim Duncan hit a two-pointer just before the final buzzer Wednesday as New Jersey claimed a victory over San Antonio that tied the NBA Finals at two games apiece.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich ran onto the court at the games conclusion to ask the referees whether Jason Kidd had goaltended a tying three-point attempt moments earlier by Manu Ginobili.

There had been no goaltending, and the series is definitely headed back to San Antonio, but not until Game 5 is played at the Meadowlands on Friday night.

## NBA Finals

Kenyon Martin scored 20 points for the Nets, while Kidd had 16 points, nine assists and eight rebounds and Richard Jefferson scored 18 points.

Duncan had 23 points and 17 rebounds and David Robinson added 14 points for the Spurs, who shot only 29 percent from the field and received dreadful performances from four key players. Tony Parker (1-for-12), Stephen Jackson (1-for-9), Bruce Bowen (2-for-9) and Malik Rose (0-for-9) combined to go 4-for-39 (10.2 percent).

The Nets scored their final eight points from the foul line, failing to make a field goal over the final 4:11.

Kidd went 4-for-4 from the line in the final 9.1 seconds to force the Spurs to go for a tying three-pointer at the end.

Ginobili got free and received a cross-court inbound pass, pump-faking one defender off his feet before attempting a three. As the ball reached the rim, Kidd jumped up and made contact with the net.

It was unclear from television replays whether he touched the ball.

Duncan got the offensive rebound and scored, but the Spurs needed three points — not two.

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Staked to a 4-0 lead, Foppert (4-5) completely shut down Chicago in his 10th major league start. He gave up just one run and one single, while striking out a career-high 10. He was pulled with one out in the eighth after allowing his fifth walk.

Mark Buehrle (2-10) has lost his past nine decisions.

## Twins 7, Rockies 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Kyle Lohse allowed one run over six innings and Corey Koskie had four of Minnesota's 15 hits to overcome Colorado.

The Twins, who managed just three hits Tuesday in a 5-0 loss, built a 7-1 lead through six innings Wednesday.

Lohse (6-4) gave up six hits, including Jay Payton's solo homer, striking out seven. He has given up more than two earned runs only three times in his 13 starts this year.

Aaron Cook (2-6) gave up 11 hits and six runs, falling to 0-6 on the road. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances.

## Cubs 7, Orioles 6

BALTIMORE — Matt Clement allowed four hits in six innings as Chicago beat Baltimore without Sammy Sosa, who began a seven-game suspension for using a corked bat.

Clement (4-6) gave up two runs, struck out six and walked two.

He has won two straight starts after going six in succession without a victory.

Melvin Mora extended his career-best hitting streak to 22 games and B.J. Surhoff had a season-high four hits for the Orioles, who have lost seven of eight.

## Diamondbacks 4, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Arizona rookie

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Andrew Good won his third straight start, allowing just two unearned runs in six innings as Arizona beat Kansas City.

Good (3-1) gave up five hits in the first three innings, but allowed only an infield single after that.

Jose Valverde worked the ninth for his third save.

It was 2-2 in the seventh when Quinton McCracken doubled with one out off Darrell May (0-3). Junior Spivey doubled to put the Diamondbacks ahead and Danny Bautista added another RBI double.

## Expos 3, Mariners 1

SEATTLE — Livan Hernandez pitched seven strong innings as Montreal beat Seattle for its sixth straight win.

Hernandez (6-4) outpitched Joel Pineiro, allowing one run on seven hits and two walks, while striking out seven. Luis Ayala and Joey Eischen each retired a batter before Rocky Biddle got the final four outs for his 17th save in 19 opportunities.

Pineiro (5-5) pitched 7 1/3 innings and gave up two runs on six hits.

Seattle lost for the second straight time after returning from an 11-1 road trip.

## Angels 5, Phillies 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Bengie Molina hit a two-run go-ahead single in the sixth inning as Anaheim beat Philadelphia.

Ben Weber (2-0) struck out all three batters he faced after relieving Kevin Appier with two out in the top of the sixth. The Angels scored four in the bottom of the inning to take a 5-2 lead.

Brett Myers (5-6) was charged with five runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings, after allowing five runs over four in-

nings in his previous start against Oakland.

## Braves 11, Athletics 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — Javy Lopez hit one of five Atlanta homers off Ted Lilly and drove in four runs to lead Atlanta over Oakland.

Rafael Furcal, Marcus Giles, Andruw Jones and Vinny Castilla also homered for the Braves, who lead the majors with 104 longballs.

Horacio Ramirez (5-2) won his fourth straight decision to help Atlanta bounce back a night after having its 11-game interleague winning streak snapped. The Braves are 19-4 against the American League the past two years.

Furcal led off the game with his career-high 10th homer of the season. After Lilly (3-5) walked Giles and struck out Gary Sheffield, he hit Jones with a pitch to bring up Lopez, who drove the first pitch over the center-field wall for his 19th homer.

## Marlins 6, Brewers 5

MILWAUKEE — Rookie Dontrelle Willis won his fourth straight start and Luis Castillo and Derrek Lee each homered as Florida defeated Milwaukee.

The Brewers loaded the bases with one out in the ninth inning off reliever Braden Loper but pinch-hitter Brooks Kieschnick struck out. Eric Young then hit an infield single with two outs that scored Wes Helms to bring the Brewers within one run. Scott Podsednik then grounded into a fielder's choice to end the game.

Willis (5-1) allowed one run on eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out five and walked one, throwing 73 of his 105 pitches for strikes.

Loper picked up his 12th save in 14 chances.

Young ended Willis' streak of 17 scoreless innings with a solo home run leading off the sixth.

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## Scores/standings

### NBA Finals

(Best-of-seven)  
Wednesday

New Jersey 77, San Antonio 76, series tied 2-2

### American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	27	.571	—
New York	36	28	.563	1/2
Toronto	36	30	.545	1 1/2
Baltimore	25	34	.460	7
Tampa Bay	22	41	.349	14

### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	27	.571	—
Kansas City	31	31	.500	4 1/2
Chicago	29	35	.453	7 1/2
Cleveland	26	37	.413	10
Detroit	16	46	.258	19 1/2

### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	42	21	.667	—
Oakland	35	28	.556	7
Anaheim	33	30	.524	9
Texas	26	37	.413	16

### National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	20	.683	—
Montreal	39	26	.600	5
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	10
Florida	31	35	.470	13 1/2
New York	28	35	.444	15

### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	27	.571	—
Houston	37	28	.569	—
St. Louis	34	29	.540	2
Cincinnati	32	32	.500	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	25	37	.403	10 1/2
Milwaukee	25	38	.397	11

### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	40	24	.625	—
Los Angeles	36	28	.563	4
Colorado	33	29	.530	8
Arizona	31	34	.477	9 1/2
San Diego	19	47	.288	22

### Wednesday's games

Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5  
Boston 13, St. Louis 1  
Chicago Cubs 7, Baltimore 6  
Cleveland 3, San Diego 2  
Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 0  
Los Angeles 3, Detroit 1  
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 6  
Minnesota 7, Colorado 4  
Florida 6, Milwaukee 5  
N.Y. Mets 8, Texas 2  
Arizona 4, Kansas City 3  
San Francisco 11, Chicago White Sox 4  
Montreal 3, Seattle 1  
Anaheim 5, Philadelphia 3  
Atlanta 11, Oakland 6

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The other Oilers of that era in the Hall of Fame are Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri.

PITTSBURGH — Ed Olczyk, a longtime NHL player who became a broadcaster, was hired as the Pittsburgh Penguins' fifth coach in five years despite having no coaching experience.

Olczyk, 36, spent 16 seasons in the NHL as a player, including a brief stay with the Penguins, but his only coaching was with a group of 15- and 16-year-olds in Chicago.

## COLLEGE SPORTS

WASHINGTON — A federal court dismissed a lawsuit that contends the Education Department discriminated against male athletes in enforcing equal opportunities for women.

The decision was based on a procedural issue: The groups that filed suit didn't show that their complaint — a reduction in men's sports — would be fixed even if they won their case.

As a result, the court ruled that the National Wrestling Coaches Association and other athletic groups failed to show they were entitled to bring the suit over Title IX. The law, credited for huge growth in girls' and women's

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sports, prohibits discrimination based on sex in sports or academics by a school or college that receives federal money.

## FOOTBALL

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A man caught at the U.S.-Canadian border with 232 phony Super Bowl tickets pleaded guilty to trafficking in counterfeit goods.

Charles Ware of Cleveland was arrested at the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge on Jan. 24, two days before the Super Bowl. Federal prosecutors said Ware had been scheduled to fly under an alias later that day to San Diego, where the game was played.

## TENNIS

LONDON — Lleyton Hewitt was tested at Queen's Club, beating Raemon Sluiter 7-6 (6), 3-6, 7-6 (3) to reach the third round of this Wimbledon tuneup.

Hewitt, the three-time defending champion, was playing for the first time since losing in the third round of the French Open. The top-ranked Australian is working with Roger Rasheed

after Jason Stoltenberg quit as his coach.

Former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands defeated Jan Vacek of the Czech Republic 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Ninth-seeded Jarkko Nieminen of Finland was eliminated, losing to hard-serving Marc Rosset of Switzerland 7-5, 7-5.

## AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C. — Roush Racing suspended its Busch series operation because of sponsorship problems on the car driven by Stanton Barrett.

The No. 60 Ford won the Busch series championship last year with Greg Biffle behind the wheel. But Biffle and his sponsor moved up to the Winston Cup series this season, and Barrett replaced him with Clean Control Corp. as the sponsor.

But Roush Racing president Geoff Smith said the first 15 races of the season was just "a marketing test" for Clean Control, and he hoped the company would make a long-term commitment in the future.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES — UCLA baseball coach Gary Adams plans to retire after the 2004 season, his 30th with the Bruins.

During his 29 seasons, beginning in 1975, the 63-year-old Adams has compiled a 950-793-7 record, taking the Bruins to the NCAA Division I playoffs seven times, reaching the College World Series in 1997 and the NCAA Division I Super Regional in 2000.

Thirty-eight of his players have made it to the major leagues, including Eric Karros, Troy Glaus, Dave Roberts and Todd Zelle.

## SOCCER

LONDON — David Beckham is being treated like a "second-hand car" by Manchester United, the players' union head of English soccer said.

Manchester United and Barcelona agreed on a sale of the world's most famous player a day earlier, but Beckham is not happy with the deal. He said through his agent he felt like a "political pawn."

The agreement is contingent on Beckham approving the transfer and Joan Laporta's election as president of the Barcelona club Sunday.

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